

Dear Members of the Environment Committee,

*RE: Testimony on S.B. No. 837 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL OR POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN CLASS B FIREFIGHTING FOAM. (ENV)*

Part of my Town of Greenwich CT abuts Westchester Airport in New York. Some of our resident's wells were exposed to run off from PFAS used in firefighting foams.

These "forever chemicals" don't break down and have contaminated drinking water and other water sources across the U.S.

I hope that you will pass a ban of PFAS in firefighting foam and additionally join Maine, NY and Washington in banning PFAS from food packaging. PFAS in packaging leach into food and water. PFAS have been found in the tap water of millions of homes across the United States.

Furthermore, the United States Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR) found that PFAS were more harmful than previously thought, stating that supposed "safe levels" were 10 times less than previously thought.

I urge you to lead us in Connecticut with comprehensive actions to restrict PFAS this session by restricting PFAS in firefighting foam and food packaging and setting a strict drinking water standard (MCL) for PFAS.

Thank you for all the work you do to protect Connecticut and its residents.

Sincerely,

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